

Listing Of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents comprising:

a base unit;

a plain old telephone service "POTS" telephone handset connected to said base unit;

a telephone keypad connected to said base unit;

telephone circuitry operable to establish two way telephone service to enable voice communication over a twisted pair of POTS wiring;

telephone circuitry within said base unit operable to establish two way wireless telephone service to enable voice communication;

control electronics connected to said base unit for selectively switching between said POTS service and said wireless telephone service; and

digital recording and voice recognition circuitry connected to said control electronics operable to activate said emergency communication system from a location remote from said base unit.

Claim 2 (original): A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents as defined in claim 1 and further comprising:

a speaker telephone connected to said base; and

circuitry within said control electronics to activate said speaker telephone system.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents as defined in claim 2 wherein:

said activation circuitry includes circuitry to activate said speaker telephone system by voice commands.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (original): A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents as defined in claim 1 and further comprising:

a distress button connected to said base unit and being operable to connect to an emergency service via a wireless telephone service upon depressing the distress button.

Claim 6 (original): A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents as defined in claim 1 and further comprising:

a level sensor circuit connected to said base unit operable to detect a condition of the base unit being disposed in a non-horizontal condition; and

circuitry operable to contact an emergency service in the event the base unit is in a non-horizontal condition.

Claim 7 (original): A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents as defined in claim 1 and further comprising:

circuitry operable to detect a dead line condition of said handset; and

circuitry to initiate a telephone call to an emergency service to alert the service of the dead line condition.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents as defined in claim 7 and further comprising:

circuitry to initiate wireless voice communication with a resident by an emergency service in the event an off-~~hook~~ hook condition is detected.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method for establishing emergency communication for high risk residents comprising the steps of:

providing a plain old telephone service ("POTS") into a residence;

providing a wireless telephone service into the residence associated with said POTS service; and

in the event of a dead line condition of said POTS service establishing a wireless telephone ~~signal~~ connection to an emergency service alerting the emergency service of the dead line condition of the POTS service[.]; and

providing two-way voice communication via said wireless telephone connection.

Claim 10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (new): A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents comprising:

a base unit;

a plain old telephone service "POTS" telephone handset connected to said base unit;

a telephone keypad connected to said base unit;

telephone circuitry operable to establish two way telephone service to enable voice communication over a twisted pair of POTS wiring;

telephone circuitry within said base unit operable to establish two way wireless telephone service to enable voice communication;

control electronics connected to said base unit for selectively switching between said POTS service and said wireless telephone service; and

digital recording and voice recognition circuitry connected to said control electronics operable to activate said emergency communication system from a location remote from said base unit; and

circuitry operable to allow an incoming caller to force said system off hook and communicate with one or more residents via a speaker telephone connected to said base unit.

Claim 12 (new): The system for emergency communication for high-risk residents as defined in claim 11 further comprising:

circuitry operable to confirm that said incoming caller is authorized to force said system off hook.

Claim 13 (new): A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents comprising:

a base unit;

a plain old telephone service "POTS" telephone handset connected to said base unit;

a telephone keypad connected to said base unit;

telephone circuitry operable to establish two way telephone service to enable voice communication over a twisted pair of POTS wiring;

telephone circuitry within said base unit operable to establish two way wireless telephone service to enable voice communication;

control electronics connected to said base unit for selectively switching between said POTS service and said wireless telephone service;

digital recording and voice recognition circuitry connected to said control electronics operable to activate said emergency communication system from a location remote from said base unit;

a speaker telephone connected to said base; and

circuitry within said control electronics to activate said speaker telephone system;

said activation circuitry comprises circuitry to activate said speaker telephone system by voice commands recorded by said digital recording circuitry; and

circuitry operable to allow an incoming caller to force said system off hook and communicate with one or more residents via said speaker telephone.